

CROOKED DEAL IN COCHISE OIL LAND ALLEGED

Work of Helm, from the Federal Land Office, May Cause Grief and Sensation

"SETTLERS" WERE MERE TOOLS, IS SUSPECTED

Uncle Sam May Bring Suit to Have All the Titles to Valuable Tract Canceled

(Special to the Review.)

LOS ANGELES, April 1.—Better look out down around Bisbee way, indeed all Cochise county better be on its guard, "cause C. W. Helm, chief of the field division of the United States land office is down among you raging around seeing who he can get the goods on. He's mad, and indeed if a fellow can be got to believe the reports and the rumors and the hints and the—why go farther, but if one can believe what one hears, there is a deep laid plot down in Cochise county, designed to rob Uncle Sam of several thousand acres of most desirable lands in, or rather under, which oil has been found in more than paying quantities. And Uncle Charlie Strong is living out of the state now. Is that not a shame?

Helm Has Strict Orders

But to get down to brass tacks. Reports alleging that a gigantic fraud has been uncovered by detectives of the land office, did start C. W. Helm southward last Tuesday night, and from all accounts since that time he has been hunting for the basis of the rumor. Of course, when the word became noised abroad in the federal building of the trip the land officer proposed to make, and the object he is believed to have had in making it, a swarm of reporters immediately began starting fresh reports. A reporter in the nature of things hates a lone, forlorn and lonesome report. But to all the new and all the old dug up reports, Mr. Helm would say nothing. He admitted that his orders came direct from Washington, and that they are of the most stringent nature. He also confessed that it all went well with him he would return with the scalp of many would be defrauders dangling to his wampum belt, but where the former owners of the scalps would be, or who they might be, or where the scalps are at present he was mute. There is to be an investigation of certain land deals that have aroused the suspicions of the government.

Helm, though Helm is wise, there are others in Los Angeles as wise as he is, and, ex-Arizona folk here, being old enough to put two and two together and remembering the attempted steal of the Southern Pacific of the land lying east of Bartow to the Needles, that was stopped by the Chamber of Mines of this city, made a most enormous fortune. In short it is the general belief here that Uncle Sam is planning a gigantic investigation that will at last and forever settle the land troubles, the land frauds and the land fraudsters.

Settlers "Find" Oil

It is hinted here that Helm's trip has to do with a section of Cochise northeast of the thriving city of Bisbee. Some time ago this section was settled by individual settlers, who, in view of the fact that the land at the time was not known to have oil on it were allowed to take it up without over much inspection on the part of the government officials. In due course of time, however, these simple settlers "found" oil thereon, and at once turned their property over to a company, which, before the official discovery of oil was announced, proceeded to apply for a patent on the land. Because of the alleged irregularity in getting the land from the government, it is reported here that Uncle Sam is going to begin proceedings at once to clear his title to the broad acres. The court at Tombstone will handle

BASE BALL BIG LEAGUE PRACTICE.

At Philadelphia—

	R.	H.	E.
Americans	8	12	3
Nationals	4	7	2

Coombs, Bender and Thomas; Lapp, Schlettler, Chalmers, McDonough and Dootin

COLLEGE BASE BALL.

At Princeton.

Princeton 4; Villanova 1.

At Philadelphia.

Pennsylvania 4; Ursinus 2.

At New Haven.

Yale 5; New York University 2.

At Stanford.

	R.	H.	E.
California	4	5	1
Stanford	1	4	2

Forker and Stoner; Gillman and Donovan

At Providence.

Brown 1; Bowdoin 2.

At West Point.

West Point 4; Dickinson 1.

At New York.

Columbia 6; Rutgers 5.

At Annapolis.

Navy 6; Annapolis 3.

the original cases without doubt Arizona at Products Show

Naturally and of course Arizona has been coming late town to see what their representatives at the big land and products show have been doing with the exhibit of the new state's possibilities. Few Bisbeeites, however, have been in the throngs who have daily visited the big show, but all of the cities of northern and central Arizona were represented when Arizona day dawned last Friday. The Hassayampa boosters were there in full force, with the redoubtable Mitchell of the Holenbeck hotel in the van yelling for the new state as if the noise making part of the program had been relegated to him alone—which it was not by any means. The exhibit is a grand one and has attracted much attention from the passing crowds of visitors.

May Be a Judge.

In the way, there is much talk here of the possible appointment of a former Arizona man for one of the vacancies on the bench of the California superior court by Gov. Johnson. James Anderson, formerly of Tucson, where he was admitted to the bar and where he practiced for years, is the man. Although Mr. Anderson moved here several years ago, and has been prominent in democratic councils, he has kept in touch with affairs in his old home.

He served as president of the first board of public works in Los Angeles and was at one time president of the Los Angeles Bar association.

Regret McMahon's Death.

Mining men all over the coast, but particularly in Southern Arizona, will learn with sorrow of the death of Percy Hamilton McMahon, one of the prominent mining engineers of the coast. Mr. McMahon died suddenly last Monday afternoon on a Santa Fe train not far from Kingman, Arizona. He was on his way home from an inspection of a mine.

Mr. McMahon was a graduate of the Columbia university school of mines, and came out here fifteen years ago from Colorado, where he went following his graduation. He interested in large ventures and with large interests always. Mr. McMahon came in contact with all the great minds in the mining business during his life, and was universally admired and respected. His funeral took place last Thursday from his late residence, 408 Occidental boulevard, this city, and was largely attended. He leaves a widow, and a daughter, Mrs. F. N. Coffin, also of Los Angeles.

Baby is Kidnaped.

Out on East Fifty third street in this city there is a former Arizona woman whose heart is breaking because her baby has been kidnaped, and no trace of the child has been found. Mrs. Elizabeth Stedman Smith, formerly of Tucson is the mother, and she directly charges her first husband, William O. Moore, a wealthy rancher of Arizona, with having stolen the little one. Mrs. Smith says that she was given possession of the child by the

DEMOCRATS NAME MEMBERS OF NEW HOUSE COMMITTEES

Caucus at Washington Gets Machinery Ready for the Extra Session

HENRY HEADS RULES

WASHINGTON, April 1.—The democratic members of the three chief standing committees of the house for the sixty second congress, as selected by the democratic caucus today, follow, the first member named in each case being chairman of the committee:

Ways and means—Underwood of Alabama; Randall of Texas; Harrison of New York; Brantley of Georgia; Shackelford of Missouri; Kitchen of North Carolina; James of Kentucky; Rainey of Illinois; Dixon of Indiana; Hughes of New Jersey; Hull of Tennessee; Hammond of Minnesota; Peters of Massachusetts; Palmer of Pennsylvania.

Appropriations—Fitzgerald of New York; Burleson of Texas; Sherley of Kentucky; Bartlett of Georgia; Johnson of South Carolina; Page of North Carolina; Saunders of Georgia; McHenry of Pennsylvania; Rauch of Indiana; Byrnes of Tennessee; Slason of Mississippi; Kinold of New Jersey; Cox of Ohio; Borland of Missouri.

Rules—Henry of Texas; Poon of North Carolina; Hardwick of Georgia; Stanley of Kentucky; Garrett of Tennessee; Foster of Illinois; Denver of Ohio.

Following are the chairmen of other committees:

Judiciary—Clayton of Alabama. Rivers and Harbors—Sparkman of Florida.

Merchants marine—Alexander of Missouri.

Agriculture—Lamb of Virginia.

Foreign affairs—Sulzer of New York.

Military affairs—Hay of Virginia.

Banking and currency—Pujo of Louisiana.

Coinage, weights and measures—Hardwick of Georgia.

Interstate and foreign commerce—Adamson of Georgia.

Elections, No. 1—Ansberry of Ohio.

Elections, No. 2—Hamill of New Jersey.

Elections, No. 3—Goldfogle of New York.

Naval affairs—Padgett of Tennessee.

Post office—Moon of Tennessee.

Public Lands—Robinson of Arkansas.

Officers elected were as follows:

Clerk—South Trimble, of Frankfort, Ky.

Sergeant at arms—U. S. Jackson, of Indiana.

Door keeper—J. J. Slinnett, of Virginia.

Postmaster—Wm. M. Dunbar, of Augusta, Ga.

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DYING OF WOUNDS. RESULTS OF A DUEL, MAN SHOTS CHILD

"Darling, if I Must Die, Will Take You Too," He Cries

ONCE A BOSTON PREACHER

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 1.—Staggering mortally wounded in the hallway of an apartment here, after having engaged in a revolver duel with George Koerner, S. L. Dania, a tailor of Spanish birth, opened fire with the shots remaining in his revolver on his little daughter, Ledella, aged six, shouting as he did: "Darling, if I must die, will take you with me." At the third shot the girl fell with a bullet in her back. A little playmate of her own age ran to where the child lay outstretched on the sidewalk, and raised her to a sitting posture. "Lee you are not hurt?" she asked.

"No," she said, but an instant later she exclaimed: "Oh, my back!" and before she could be carried to a hospital a block away, she was dead.

Dania, aged 37, is tonight in the county hospital at the point of death. One of Koerner's shots pierced through the throat and neck, and the other entered the right breast. Koerner, a Kentuckian, aged 35, is uninjured, and is in custody at the county jail.

The trouble between the two, it is said, was caused by a remark made by Koerner's wife, who was walking just Dania's apartment at 452 South Grand Ave. Dania had been married three times, being separated from his present wife, a young woman of Spanish descent whom he married at San Diego about eight years ago.

Dania quarreled with his wife several months ago, and was seen by neighbors to beat her, and Mrs. Koerner, it is alleged, remarked to her husband, "there is the man who beat his wife." Dania overheard the remark, and attacked Koerner with his fists. After a short struggle Dania retreated to his apartment pursued by Koerner, and a moment later shots were heard. Dania staggered to the doorway, bleeding from his wounds, and commenced shooting at his daughter.

Dania's career, related by his wife was an adventurous one. He was a sailor for many years on the South American coast. One time he became a captain, but killed one of his men in a fit of rage and fled to Mexico. For many years he is said to have been the leader of a band of desperadoes along the northern border and amassed considerable wealth. During this time he was known by many different names.

Later he came to the United States and studied eight years for the Methodist ministry at Boston. He became a well known public speaker of New England. It is said, and stumped Massachusetts for Bryan in the latter's first campaign.

He invested heavily in mining stocks which turned out unfortunately. Just before his last marriage he came to Los Angeles and opened a little tailor shop. He became a socialist after the loss of his wealth, which, it is believed, preyed on his mind which became unbalanced.

Dania's wife when informed of the tragedy was overcome with grief. "Oh, why did I ever leave her with him," she cried. "He often threatened to kill us both."

EVANS WINS EASILY AT GOLF. PINEHURST, April 1.—Chas. Evans, Jr., of Edgewater, was an easy winner of today's 36 hole final round for the championship trophy in the eleventh annual united north and south amateur golf championship, his victory over Robert Hunter of Westburn being six up and five to play.

BARRY POSTS \$1,000.

TULSA, Okla., April 1.—Jim Barry, the heavyweight pugilist, today placed \$1,000 in a Tulsa bank as forfeit if he fails to knock out Carl Morris of Sapulpa in fifteen rounds. Morris thus far has refused to give Barry a match.

CORDON OF OFFICERS WILL SURROUND CITY TO NAB ABDUCTORS

Guilty Persons Are Now Believed to be Still in Los Vegas, N. M.

POSSES CALLED IN

LAS VEGAS, N. M., April 1.—The ability of the abductors of little Waldo Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Rogers, to elude the numerous volunteer posses and law officers for thirty six hours, after the \$12,000 ransom was paid, has only accentuated public indignation against them to night and Las Vegas citizens are so incensed that it is feared an early arrest of any suspect would mean action.

All day while posses have been scouring the country, mounted police, private detectives and local officers were running down clues. Late today officers directing the chase here came convinced that the abductors are still in Las Vegas or the immediate vicinity. Couriers were sent out at once to call in the most distant posses to establish a cordon around this city and nearby localities which might serve as a rendezvous.

The inability of Mrs. Rogers to furnish a detailed description of the abductors has given the officers very little definite information on which to base their operations. H. L. Waldo, a Kansas City millionaire, the grand father of the kidnapped boy, reached Las Vegas tonight to assist in directing the search.

The latest clues would seem to indicate that five persons were implicated in the abduction, four men and one woman. Among leaders there is a feeling that if the abductors are not captured within twenty four hours, the pursuit will probably develop into a waiting and watching game.

MANY REFORMS ARE ADVOCATED BY DIAZ IN HIS MESSAGE

Ignores Rebels, But Bows to "Public Opinion" in Conceding Justice

EVERY REFORM ON LIST

No Re-Election Principle Is Indorsed Without Any ifs or Ands

MEXICO CITY, April 1.—Committing himself to the advocacy of many reforms demanded by the revolutionists, although professedly bowing to the influence of public opinion, General Diaz answered his critics today through his semi annual message at the opening of congress. The principle of no reelection of the executive and incumbents of other offices, and the reform of the electoral laws so that the privilege of the ballot may be enjoyed by those citizens "who are considered capable of voting" were advocated.

The message refers specifically to the application of the no reelection principle, naming of governors one chief contention discontinued elements throughout the republic, the president saying that if a bill providing for "periodical renovation" of the officials in question should come before congress, it would have his earnest support.

Abuse of power by jefes politico, one of the crying evils complained of by residents of rural districts throughout Mexico, is to be abated according to a plan outlined by the president. The president proposed to improve the efficiency of the judiciary through a more careful selection of personnel and lengthening the tenure of office.

Official punishment of judicial functionaries for malfeasance will be brought about through the enactment of more stringent measures. On the subject of the division of the great private estates, first broached by Minister Limantour in the Paris interview, the executive declared his determination to find efficient means to bring about the innovation.

In no previous message of the president had there ever been anything in the nature of recommendation.

The public has shown intense interest. From the minute the executive entered the chamber of deputies until the last word had been read, every man on the floor and in the galleries, listened intently. Every available seat in the galleries was occupied, by either diplomats, public officials or those fortunate enough to obtain cards of admission.

President Diaz appeared no more agitated tonight than he did when he read his message in September, in spite of the fact that the reading tonight required more than an hour, his voice being as strong at the conclusion as at the beginning.

Only once was the president interrupted by applause. Mention of reforms drew out a spontaneous clapping for a brief minute, and there was no more until the close, when the big auditorium resounded with clapping and cries of "viva."

Stanley in Command.

MEXICALI, April 1.—Leyva is seeking funds to finance a safe exit from the zone of war, Salinas has declined to command the in surrecto forces, and Stanley Williams heretofore known as Gen. Stanley, now alleged to be a deserter from the United States army, is now commander in chief of the insurgents, who are awaiting the onslaught of the federals under Mayol.

Stanley was the third choice of the Junta and was selected only when Francisco Vasquez Salinas, the former federal officer, declined to accept the command. Leyva's inglorious retreat from Tecate is given as the reason of his reduction to ranks.

Williams signalled his accession to authority by making a ready military disposition of his forces. His first line of battle has been established at Packard, four miles southeast of this place, where it is expected that Mayol will center his attack. Here the men of his individual command, who are nearly all Americans, are digging rifle pits.

PANAMA BONDS MARK NEW ERA FOR TREASURY

In Few Weeks Uncle Sam Will Issue Fifty Million Dollars Worth at 3 Percent

SMALL INVESTOR IS EXPECTED TO PURCHASE

Said to be the First Step Toward a Central Bank Like That of Great Britain

(By Victor Elliott.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 1.—One of the most important financial innovations ever inaugurated by the federal government will soon be made by Secretary Franklin MacVeach, of the treasury department.

About June 1 or July 1, he will offer for sale \$50,000,000 worth of Panama canal bonds, bearing 3 per cent interest. The announcement of this issue six months ago did not create any excitement, nor did it effect Wall street in the least. The financiers, however, were somewhat perturbed when it was found that congress had decided to issue the bonds without giving them the circulation privileges. That is, national banks cannot buy the bonds and issue bank notes on their security. The only hope of a profit in this connection for financiers will be a small commission for buying the bonds for customers, who will hold the bonds for investments.

First in 50 Years.

When these bonds are offered for sale, it will be the first time in the history of the treasury department, since the enactment of the national banking law, nearly a half century ago, that a similar bond issue was contemplated, an issue without the circulation privilege. By circulation privilege is meant the use of government bonds by national banks as security for bank notes which they issue as money.

There are already outstanding about \$35,000,000 worth of Panama canal bonds, but they only bear about 2 1/2 per cent interest. These have the circulation privilege. The contemplated issue, however, will only be held by the investing public. Should banks buy them, about the only use they can make of them will be to re sell them to private parties who are looking for gilt edge investments. Should the money market be flooded, money easy, and at the same time hard to loan, it may be that only a few of them would tie up their surplus in this way.

What is Expected.

What the secretary of the treasury does expect, and what is most likely to happen, is that the people of the United States, the ordinary folks with small amounts of money bid away in national banks or in private banks, drawing very little or no interest, will buy those bonds and hold them as security. They afford the best security in the world. They will be easily convertible into cash, and are as good as gold any day in the year. Should Secretary MacVeach wish to float a loan of ten times the amount of the issue it is assured that these bonds would sell easily for the issue and would cause a tipple on the financial market.

(The significance behind the movement to obtain an issue of bonds without the circulation privilege was but dimly observed by a number of congressmen and experienced financiers when the last congress enacted the legislation that permitted the issue of their bonds. Certain astute gentlemen in congress were well aware of what was behind the scheme. What was in the wind was simply that the United States government is on the eve of a great revolution in its banking system, the adoption of a system which in the future will include the issuance of government bonds only for investment purposes.

Sound Investments.

At present every bond issued by the government has the circulation privilege. The new three per cent Panama bonds will be the only exception. With their issue a new financial order will be inaugurated. Gov.

SUICIDE FIND ENDS SEARCH FOR SLAYER

Body Fits Description of Man Who Murdered Two Ranchers March 11

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PRICES HOLD FIRM ON THE STOCK MARKET YESTERDAY

Canadian Pacific and National Biscuit Show the Only Notable Movement During Session

NEW YORK, April 1.—Prices held firm on the stock market today with scattering moderate gains. The selling of yesterday was not continued today. Almost the only movements of note were those of Canadian Pacific, which rose after a period of depression and National Biscuit, which added another 3 points to its advance of recent days.

Pennsylvania and New York Central held steady in spite of their February reports, which showed large losses in net earnings. The decrease in net earnings of these systems for two months was \$3,452,000 in the case of the New York Central and \$739,000 for Pennsylvania.

Instead of the large expansion in loans which was expected, the weekly bank statement reported an actual decrease of almost \$3,000,000 in this item. The cash loss of \$5,530,000 was larger than estimates, but was without material effect on the enormous reserves still held by the associated banks.

THE WEATHER.

ARIZONA—Fair Sunday in the southwest portions; rain, snow at night or Monday in the north portion; fair in the south.

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